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SUBJECT MORGAN ABDUCTION-EXPRESSION OF THANKS

1. IF, AS NOW SEEMS POSSIBLE, COL MORGAN IS RELEASED THIS EVENING, IT WILL PROBABLY BE DUE TO THE PERSONNAL EFFORTS OF PRIMIN RASHID KARAME. NORMALLY, THEREFORE, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT NOW BEGIN CLEARING ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS A MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM THE PRESIDENT.

2. I AM NOT , HOWEVER, SO RECOMMENDING FOR REALTIONS BETWEEN PRIMIN KARAME AND PRESIDENT FRANGIE ARE STILL NOT AS GOOD AS THEY COULD BE IF THEY WERE BETTER. IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE USG THAT THESE RELATIONS CONTINUE TO IMPROVE.

3. WHILE FRANGIE WE KNOW HAS MAINTAINED PRESSURE FOR A SOLUTION TO THE MORGAN CASE, WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE IT HAS BEEN TOO EFFECTIVE. HIS OWN PERSONNAL ASSETS, COLS BUSTANI AND DAHDAH, APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN BYPASSED. I, THEREFORE, DO NOT BELIEVE A NOTE FOR FRANGIE IS APPROPRIATE. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING REQUEST TO BE AUTHORIZED, AS SOON AS CONVENIENT AFTER MORGAN IS RELEASED, TO EXPRESS VERBALLY TO FRANGIE AND KARAME PRESIDENT FORD'S AND THE USG'S
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MORGAN'S SAFE RETURN.
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